1	2	3	4	5
5	Goa	78.31	84.42	96.93
6	Gujarat	883.15	884.05	965.59
7	Haryana	433.02	506.51	673.82
8	Himachal Pradesh	71.20	76.20	88.30
9	Jharkhand	117.96	283.32	182.96
10	Karnataka	1,121.45	1,332.96	1,666.97
11	Kerala	429.92	442.37	496.18
12	Madhya Pradesh	371.39	370.96	382.45
13	Msharashtra	2,745.98	3,039.57	3,565.49
14	N.E. Region	88.15	118.75	113.78
1.5	Orissa	187.14	302.45	219.56
16	Punjab	477.07	517.94	570.23
17	Rajasthan	300.91	303.63	335.00
18	Tamil Nadu	1,398.19	1,488.08	1,739.00
19	Uttaranchal	72.84	80.03	91.49
20	Uttar Pradesh	621.77	683.85	779.32
21	West Bengal	726.18	1,053.89	992.61
22	Government Share of of Contribution under EPS. 1995	400.00	450.00	600.00
	TOTAL:	12,558.31	14,419.82	16,462.81

State of rickshaw pullers

3182. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of hand-rickshaw pullers still pulling rickshaws to carry people, State-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by Government, so far, to replace these rickshaws by better mechanized cycle-rickshaws or auto rickshaws as a measure of social justice and to prohibit men from pulling rickshaws?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) The number of hand-rickshaw pullers, State-wise, is not maintained at Central level. However, 3500 Jin-rickshaw pullers were issued license by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation during 2004-05.

(b) The Government of West Bengal have taken a policy decision to take the hand-drawn rickshaw off the roads of Kolkata in a phased manner by providing alternative modes of transport to commuters and appropriate training to pullers of hand-rickshaws.

New jobs through housing sector

3183. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 4 million new jobs are projected in the housing sector by 2015 with the demand for dwelling units likely to raise to 80 million;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any study has been carried out in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No such study has been conducted.

Employment in rural areas

†3184. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of unemployed persons in the rural areas in the country alongwith the number of skilled/unskilled and educated unemployed persons amongst them; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.